

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
14th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 26, 2015

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Steven DeGroft, Stockton Springs Community Church.

National Anthem by Dr. A. Jan Berlin, Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, A. Jan Berlin, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 24, 2015 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Access to Workforce Training and Job Creation" (S.P. 69) (L.D. 194)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 72)

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 12, 2015

James H. Page, Chancellor

University of Maine

16 Central Street

Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Chancellor Page:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the University of Maine System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

On the same day, following your address, Derek P. Langhauser, Interim President of the Maine Community College System and William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 73)

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 12, 2015

Derek P. Langhauser, Interim President

Maine Community College System

131 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Langhauser:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Maine Community College System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention. You will address the Joint Convention following James Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System.

On the same day, following your address, William Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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Speaker of the House

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 74)

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 12, 2015

William J. Brennan, President

Maine Maritime Academy

Box C-03

Castine, Maine 04420

Dear President Brennan:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Maine Maritime Academy and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

You will address the Joint Convention following James Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System and Derek Langhauser, Interim President of the Maine Community College System.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 69)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 26, 2015

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On February 23, 2015

Justice Mary Michaela Murphy of Rome for reappointment as a Justice to the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Associate Justice Ellen A. Gorman of Falmouth for reappointment as an Associate Justice to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Judge Richard W. Mulhern of Falmouth for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Judge Patricia G. Worth of Belfast for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act To Ensure Humane Conditions for Egg-laying Poultry"

(H.P. 357) (L.D. 533)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Assist Individuals To Obtain a Permit To Grow and Sell Water Spinach"

(H.P. 370) (L.D. 546)

Sponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, Senators: MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act Regarding Service Dogs"

(H.P. 371) (L.D. 547)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais, NADEAU of Winslow, STANLEY of Medway, TUELL of East Machias.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government Related to Position Changes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 400) (L.D. 576)

Sponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Increase Crisis Intervention Training in the State"

(H.P. 358) (L.D. 534)

Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DION of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, McCLELLAN of Raymond, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Concealed Handguns Permit Application"

(H.P. 359) (L.D. 535)

Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Embden.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HARLOW of Portland, HOBBS of Saco, LONG of Sherman, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Concealed Handgun Permit for Active Military Members"

(H.P. 372) (L.D. 548)

Sponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LOCKMAN of Amherst, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, REED of Carmel, SAWICKI of Auburn, STETKIS of Canaan, THERIAULT of China.

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on Disaster Resiliency (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 373) (L.D. 549)

Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FOLEY of Wells, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, MAREAN of Hollis, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Protect Individuals from Breaches of Trust by Clergy Members"

(H.P. 390) (L.D. 566)

Sponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, HERRICK of Paris, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, VEROW of Brewer, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: BURNS of Washington, JOHNSON of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Annulment of Certain Arrest Records and Expungement of Certain Confidential Criminal History Record Information"

(H.P. 397) (L.D. 573)

Sponsored by Representative DeCHANT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of Waterville, FOWLE of Vassalboro, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Penalties for Writing Bad Checks"

(H.P. 401) (L.D. 577)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FOLEY of Wells, GUERIN of Glenburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LOCKMAN of Amherst, PARRY of Arundel, WARD of Dedham, WINSOR of Norway.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Amend Provisions Regarding the Appointment of Members of the Maine Charter School Commission"

(H.P. 360) (L.D. 536)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KORNFELD of Bangor, MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, STEARNS of Guilford.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Standardized Testing of Children before the Third Grade"

(H.P. 361) (L.D. 537)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Fees at Maine's Postsecondary Institutions"

(H.P. 362) (L.D. 538)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, EDGEComb of Fort Fairfield, FECTEAU of Biddeford, MOONEN of Portland, POULIOT of Augusta, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Require Public Schools To Offer Instruction Related to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated External Defibrillator"

(H.P. 380) (L.D. 556)

Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MAKER of Calais, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, Senator: DUTREMBLE of York.

Bill "An Act To Provide Reasonable Accommodations for School Attendance for Children with Disabilities for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended"

(H.P. 381) (L.D. 557)

Sponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.

Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DION of Portland, DUNPHY of Embden, GATTINE of Westbrook, HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MALABY of Hancock, STETKIS of Canaan.

Resolve, To Implement Recommendations from the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education and Workforce Plan

(H.P. 391) (L.D. 567)

Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MAKER of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Redefine the Method by Which the Department of Education Determines Cost Sharing for School Construction and Renovation Projects for Municipalities within a School Administrative Unit"

(H.P. 402) (L.D. 578)

Sponsored by Representative GINZLER of Bridgton.

Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, MAKER of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Allow Teachers To Teach and Students To Learn by Amending the Laws Governing Education Standards"

(H.P. 403) (L.D. 579)

Sponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representative: O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Adjust the Calculation of Municipal Education Contributions for Communities Faced with Sudden and Severe Property Tax Valuation Reductions" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 374) (L.D. 550)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway, Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, McCABE of Skowhegan, SHORT of Pittsfield, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative KORNFELD of Bangor, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Bill "An Act To Amend the Community-based Renewable Energy Project Laws for Purposes of the Mayo Mill Project"

(H.P. 382) (L.D. 558)

Sponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representative: STEARNS of Guilford.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Provide Incentives for Implementation of Municipal Comprehensive Plans To Prevent Sprawl"

(H.P. 375) (L.D. 551)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHIPMAN of Portland, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, VEROW of Brewer, WELSH of Rockport.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Lakes"

(H.P. 392) (L.D. 568)

Sponsored by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TUCKER of Brunswick, WHITE of Washburn, Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Extend the Funding Period for Landfill Closure Costs"

(H.P. 404) (L.D. 580)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL of Orrington, HARLOW of Portland, WELSH of Rockport, WHITE of Washburn.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Municipal Development District Law" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 405) (L.D. 581)

Sponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representative: O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative WELSH of Rockport, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Increase Utilization of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center"

(H.P. 363) (L.D. 539)

Sponsored by Representative FREY of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Home Visiting Services"

(H.P. 376) (L.D. 552)

Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, GINZLER of Bridgton, McELWEE of Caribou, STANLEY of Medway, WARD of Dedham, WHITE of Washburn.

Bill "An Act To Notify Parents of a Complaint against a Child Care Facility or a Family Child Care Provider"

(H.P. 383) (L.D. 559)

Sponsored by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, KINNEY of Limington, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, WARD of Dedham.

Bill "An Act Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

(H.P. 384) (L.D. 560)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: DION of Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Establish a State Educational Medicaid Officer"

(H.P. 406) (L.D. 582)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POULIOT of Augusta, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Recognize the Registrations of Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles Owned by Residents of a State That Borders Maine"

(H.P. 385) (L.D. 561)

Sponsored by Representative PETERSON of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, GILBERT of Jay, HEAD of Bethel, McCABE of Skowhegan, PICKETT of Dixfield.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Postpone or Cancel an Open Hunting Season"

(H.P. 394) (L.D. 570)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Sabattus.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, DUNPHY of Old Town, HOBART of Bowdoinham, SHORT of Pittsfield, Senator: DUTREMBLE of York.

Resolve, To Study the Need for a Standard Formula for the Horsepower of Motors Used on the Lakes and Ponds of the State (H.P. 395) (L.D. 571)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GREENWOOD of Wales, LONG of Sherman, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WOOD of Sabattus.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Reduce Municipal Liability outside Federally Declared Flood Zones"

(H.P. 393) (L.D. 569)

Sponsored by Representative DeCHANT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of Waterville, FOWLE of Vassalboro, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Appropriate Health Insurance Coverage for Prescription Eye Drops"

(H.P. 396) (L.D. 572)

Sponsored by Representative MORRISON of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, COOPER of Yarmouth.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the House of Representatives"

(H.P. 377) (L.D. 553)

Sponsored by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Cosponsored by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook and Representative: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse"

(H.P. 398) (L.D. 574)

Sponsored by Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, MELARAGNO of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Mortuary Trust Accounts as They Relate to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act"

(H.P. 407) (L.D. 583)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, GUERIN of Glenburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LOCKMAN of Amherst, WARD of Dedham, WINSOR of Norway.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Denial of Equal Rights Based on the Sex of an Individual

(H.P. 408) (L.D. 584)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, COOPER of Yarmouth, GRANT of Gardiner, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MELARAGNO of Auburn, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SANBORN of Gorham.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care through the Establishment of the Maine Board of Oral Health"

(H.P. 364) (L.D. 540)

Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Bill "An Act To Protect Casino Workers"

(H.P. 386) (L.D. 562)

Sponsored by Representative PETERSON of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: BECK of Waterville, GILBERT of Jay, GOLDEN
of Lewiston, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, McCABE of Skowhegan,
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act Regarding the Purchase of Trap Tags in the
Lobster Fishery"

(H.P. 387) (L.D. 563)

Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Establish Appropriate Parameters for County
Borrowing Authority"

(H.P. 388) (L.D. 564)

Sponsored by Representative KRUGER of Thomaston.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: DION of Portland, EVANGELOS of Friendship,
MAREAN of Hollis, McCABE of Skowhegan, Senators: DILL of
Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Promote Sustainability in Home Ownership for
First-time Home Buyers"

(H.P. 365) (L.D. 541)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEAVERS of South
Berwick, GOODE of Bangor, NADEAU of Winslow, RUSSELL of
Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAUCIER of Presque Isle,
Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes"

(H.P. 366) (L.D. 542)

Sponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service
Charges on Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit
Organizations"

(H.P. 389) (L.D. 565)

Sponsored by Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and
Representatives: EDGEComb of Fort Fairfield, GILLWAY of
Searsport, GOODE of Bangor, GUERIN of Glenburn,
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, TUELL of East Machias, Senators:
BRAKEY of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine's
Working Families"

(H.P. 399) (L.D. 575)

Sponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, RYKERSON of
Kittery, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: ALFOND of
Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, VOLK
of Cumberland.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of
Flashing Lights by School Buses"

(H.P. 367) (L.D. 543)

Sponsored by Representative BATTLE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, HANLEY of
Pittston, MAREAN of Hollis, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, REED of
Carmel, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TUELL
of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Assist Maine Veterans and Service Members"

(H.P. 368) (L.D. 544)

Sponsored by Representative DAVITT of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and
Representatives: COREY of Windham, FOWLE of Vassalboro,
LAJOIE of Lewiston, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require That Traffic Lights Default to Flashing
Mode between the Hours of Midnight and 6 a.m."

(H.P. 369) (L.D. 545)

Sponsored by Representative BATTLE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, HANLEY of
Pittston, KINNEY of Limington, MAREAN of Hollis, REED of
Carmel, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TUELL
of East Machias.

Bill "An Act Concerning Commercial Vehicles at Canadian
Weight Limits Traveling to Certain Points in the State"

(H.P. 378) (L.D. 554)

Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BEAR of the Houlton Band of
Maliseet Indians, MARTIN of Sinclair, STANLEY of Medway,
TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, Senators:
EDGEComb of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Distribute a Portion of Proceeds from the
Oxford Casino to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the
Aroostook Band of Micmacs"

(H.P. 379) (L.D. 555)

Sponsored by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of
Maliseet Indians.

Cosponsored by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook and
Representative: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Processing of Absentee Ballots
Prior to Election Day"

(H.P. 409) (L.D. 585)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, GUERIN of
Glenburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LOCKMAN of Amherst,
WARD of Dedham, WINSOR of Norway.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Health and Human Services

Representative GATTINE for the **Department of Health and
Human Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying
Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter
101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29:
Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual
Disabilities or Autistic Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the
Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 410) (L.D. 597)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 12)

ORDERED, that Representative Matthew Dana II of the Passamaquoddy Tribe be excused February 10 and 12 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kathleen R. J. Dillingham of Oxford be excused February 10 and 12 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Paul E. Gilbert of Jay be excused February 10 and 12 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lloyd C. Herrick of Paris be excused January 29 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative William F. Noon of Sanford be excused February 5 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Wayne R. Parry of Arundel be excused February 12 for health reasons.

READ and **PASSED**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 24, 2015, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the members of the Stockton Springs Community Church Steeple Committee

(HLS 9)

TABLED - January 7, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative WARD of Dedham.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dedham, Representative Ward.

Representative **WARD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, occasionally we have the privilege of welcoming in this Chamber extraordinary people. Today is one of those days. The Town of Stockton Springs, in my district, is quintessentially Maine, rich in seafaring and shipbuilding history, with a protected harbor full of fishing boats, a quaint village. Heck, we even have a lighthouse. And in the center of that village sits the Stockton Springs Community Church. Built in 1853, in the Greek Revival of Italianate style, it stood strong, it's landmark steeple helping to guide sailors on Penobscot Bay for over 150 years, earning designation in the National Register of Historic Places.

But in 2008, the steeple began to fail structurally, and the difficult decision was made to take it down. Given that reconstruction would certainly cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, it looked like the landmark was gone for good.

That was, however, until a group of lively, youthfully energetic, and determined church members got together and said, "Not so fast." While there were certainly many initial doubters, this group would not be deterred, starting with a letter-writing campaign and with bake sales and yard sales, in time enough was raised to rebuild the steeple's base. Then, with more relentless grassroots fundraising, including a matching grant donation, the middle clock section was added.

Now, the doubters became believers and donations came more quickly. And on a beautiful October afternoon, a crane hoisted the new top spire, replete with even a new weathervane, all while this group, since nicknamed "The Steeple People," cheered.

Six years had passed since this effort began. And in that time, these lively, youthfully energetic, and determined church members had raised from scratch an incredible \$268 thousand dollars.

Now, you would think that this group would be great in number, and young in years. Hardly. You see, these Steeple People, all ladies, number only six and their combined age, and I wouldn't dare disclose their individual ages, totals 495 years. You do the math.

A few weeks back, I had the pleasure of closing the regular Sunday service of the Stockton Springs Community Church where I presented to these amazing ladies the Legislative Sentiment being expressed today. I took that opportunity to reflect on their unshakeable belief in the possible, using the story from the Book of Matthew, where we learn that with faith, you can indeed move mountains, and build steeples.

You see, these six lively, youthfully energetic, and determined ladies, five of whom are here with us today—the sixth is in Florida—didn't just rebuild a church, they reaffirmed faith. I'll leave their individual introductions to you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Searsport, Representative Gillway.

Representative **GILLWAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you Representative Ward for bringing this forward. I would be remiss if I didn't stand and let everyone know that the folks in Stockton Springs don't just include the folks in Stockton Springs. The church congregation stretches into Searsport, and these folks are my neighbors and my dear friends here today. And I do want to stress they did an excellent job.

It has taken me all of these six years to lose the weight that I gained from their great bake sales. Their plants are still growing in my wife's gardens, and the stuff I bought at the yard sale, probably has been sold again, but I did want to congratulate them, thank them for their efforts.

When you come over Stockton Hill and you come down Route 1A to meet Route 1, you see that steeple standing tall and proud, and it's a symbol of pride for the community, and I think for the State of Maine. And again, I congratulate them and thank them dearly for coming.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Recruit New Businesses to Maine by Providing Energy Efficiency Assistance"

(S.P. 40) (L.D. 103)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

TABLED - February 10, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Personal Representatives of Children Access to Certain Documents of the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Child Protective Activities"

(H.P. 222) (L.D. 328)

(Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested)

TABLED - February 10, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Licensed Foresters To Use Mechanics Liens"

(H.P. 324) (L.D. 485)

(Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested)

TABLED - February 24, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Failing To Carry Proof of Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility"

(H.P. 343) (L.D. 504)

(Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested)

TABLED - February 24, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 210)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits"

(S.P. 186) (L.D. 518)

Bill "An Act To Clarify a Recently Enacted Law Designed To Expand the Number of Qualified Educators"

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 522)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Start a Pilot Program for Medical Substitution Treatment in a Local Community Setting"

(S.P. 193) (L.D. 524)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Report on Efforts To Reach in Rural Areas Persons Who Are Elderly, Disabled or Mentally Ill

(S.P. 194) (L.D. 525)

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver To Prohibit the Use of Food Supplement Benefits for the Purchase of Taxable Food Items (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 195) (L.D. 526)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Health Care Practitioner Transparency Requirements"

(S.P. 190) (L.D. 521)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Telecommunications Infrastructure Investment in Development Districts for Municipalities and Plantations"

(S.P. 187) (L.D. 519)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirement for a Certificate of Title for Junk and Scrap Automobiles and Vehicles" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 188) (L.D. 520)

Bill "An Act To Repeal Outdated Agricultural Aviation Laws"

(S.P. 196) (L.D. 527)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 197) (L.D. 528)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Motor Vehicles at Railroad Crossings"

(S.P. 198) (L.D. 529)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Sale of Liquor"

(S.P. 192) (L.D. 523)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Accepting Special Interest Money through a Political Party or Political Action Committee"

(S.P. 201) (L.D. 532)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative WARD of Dedham, the House adjourned at 11:23 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2015, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 210) and in honor and lasting tribute to Clyde Le Clair, of Augusta, David J. Kimball, of Orland, Carolyn Blodgett, of Penobscot and Philip A. Garland, of Dedham.